

U.S. Board on Geographic Names
Domestic Names Committee
Six Hundred Sixty-First Meeting
Department of the Interior, Room 3004
October 7, 2004, 9:30 a.m.

Members and Deputy Members in Attendance

Eric Berman	Department of Homeland Security (Federal Emergency Management Agency)
Chick Fagan (Chair)	Department of the Interior (National Park Service)
Lee Fleming	Department of the Interior (Bureau of Indian Affairs)
Mike Fournier	Department of Commerce (Bureau of the Census)
Bonnie Gallahan	Department of the Interior (U.S. Geological Survey)
Tony Gilbert	Government Printing Office
Ronald Grim	Library of Congress
Robert Hiatt	Library of Congress
Betsy Kanalley	Department of Agriculture (Forest Service)
Bill Logan	Department of Homeland Security (U.S. Coast Guard)
Curtis Loy	Department of Commerce (Office of Coast Survey)
Joseph Marinucci	Department of Commerce (Bureau of the Census)
Barbara Ryan	Department of the Interior (U.S. Geological Survey)

Ex Officio

Roger L. Payne	Executive Secretary, U.S. Board on Geographic Names
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Staff

Lesley Levi	BGN Administrative Assistant
Jennifer Runyon	

Guests

Scott Zillmer	National Geographic Society
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1. Opening

The Chairman called the 661st meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. He welcomed everyone and introduced two new members from the Department of Homeland Security to the Board: Eric Berman, of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and William Logan of the U.S. Coast Guard. The Board members introduced themselves to the new members.

2. Minutes of the 660th Meeting

The minutes were approved as submitted.

3. Communications and Reports

3.1 BGN Chairman's Report (Loy)

Loy welcomed the two new members. Loy announced that he attended the ACUF meeting, which is working with the DNC to resolve issues related to features that are at the same time within and beyond the 12-mile limit.

3.2 BGN Executive Secretary's Report (Payne)

Payne also welcomed the Board's two new members. He explained that this meeting was not a normal meeting. This meeting is a preparatory meeting for the COGNA Conference in Jacksonville, Florida, October 19-24. Also, it was announced that the November meeting will be cancelled because of the late COGNA meeting, and Veteran's Day.

This year's Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH) course in applied toponymy has been completed, and was held in the Dominican Republic. Next year's course is scheduled to take place in Aguascalientes, Mexico.

It was noted that Yost represented the Board on behalf of Payne at the annual meeting of the Geographical Names Board of Canada. Payne noted that since Yost is not in attendance at today's DNC meeting, he will give a summary of the meeting at the October DNC meeting.

3.3 Report of the Publicity Committee (Payne for Wood)

Payne informed the Board that a newspaper in Phoenix, Arizona wanted to know when the Board was voting on the proposal to change the name of Lake Powell to Glen Canyon Reservoir. The reporter will visit the Geographic Names Office to review the large volume of documentation on the proposal.

3.4 Executive Secretary's Report (Payne)

Payne reported that Indiana has tentatively agreed to form a State Names Authority. This means that each of the 50 states plus Puerto Rico and Guam have names authorities.

3.5 BGN Staff Report (Yost)

The following is a statistical report of the BGN/DNC staff activities since the September 9 meeting:

0	cases written
102	inquiries received and answered
131	letters written (answered and initiated)
62	e-mail messages

3.6 GNIS and Data Compilation Program (Yost)

No report.

4. Examination of the agenda and Review List for the DNC Meeting at COGNA

The agenda and Review List for the DNC meeting at COGNA was explained, analyzed, and approved.

5. PPP Revision Discussion (Fagan)

The final wording of some changes to the Derogatory Names Policy and Variant Names Policy was approved.

6. Location and Time of Next Meeting

6.1 The next meeting of the Domestic Names Committee will take place on Wednesday, October 20, 2004, at 1:00 p.m., at the Council of Geographic Names Authorities (COGNA) Annual Conference, Radisson Riverwalk Hotel, Jacksonville, Florida.

6.2 The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

(signed) *Roger L. Payne*

Roger L. Payne, Executive Secretary

APPROVED

(signed) *Chick Fagan*

Chick Fagan, Chairman
Domestic Names Committee